

LICENSE ACTION PLEASES LEAGUE

Anti-Saloonists Glad Excise-men Refused New Places.

ONE WHOLESALE BARRED

Sixteen Retailers Doing Business Are Turned Down—Courts May Decide if Some Others Continue.

A. E. Shoemaker, attorney for the Anti-Saloon League, expressed disappointment last night at the action of the Excise Board in renewing licenses to scores of liquor places which the league contends are operating in residential districts and on streets with a nonbusiness frontage in violation of the law.

"While we are gratified at the board's action in turning down all new applications and in refusing licenses to hotels having less than fifty rooms for guests, we are disappointed that the board did not see fit to assume the responsibility of closing the places whose licenses the league has taken into court."

Court Cases Continued.

In granting these licenses the Excise Board issued the following statement: "Among the cases upon which the board has favorably acted are some which are now the subjects of dispute in the courts. In all such instances, where all other conditions were favorable to the licensee, the board has thought it proper to grant the license so that the cases may remain in court until a final decision shall have been rendered in each."

"Thus, certain disputed points of the excise law will be judicially interpreted, and the board will be guided by settled principles, the correctness of which may then no longer be doubted."

The board has been given wide discretionary power in carrying out the law," said Mr. Shoemaker, in referring to the court cases, "and might have closed the places in question."

Test cases covering each of the points at issue between the board and the Anti-Saloon League were taken into Police Court by the league several months ago. One case, that of the Metropolitan Club, Seventeenth and H streets northwest, was carried to the Court of Appeals, and the Police Court refused to act on the others.

Excise Club Decision Soon.

A decision in the Metropolitan Club case is expected tomorrow, or in the near future, which virtually will settle the differences of opinion between the board and the league. In granting the questionable licenses, the board added: "Subject, however, to any order of the court." This means that should the courts decide in favor of the Anti-Saloon League there will be a further reduction in the number of saloons in the District.

It is regarded as significant by those on both sides of the liquor question that of the twenty-five retail licenses rejected nine were new applicants. "This indicates clearly," said Attorney Shoemaker, "that the board does not intend to increase the number of places in the District."

The most surprising action of the board was the denial of a license to the Washington Terminal Company for a saloon in Union Station.

With the exception of the Thyson Hotel, 1507 Seventh street northwest, the Seventh street merchants were successful in defeating the efforts of school-teachers in that vicinity to have all saloons in Upper Seventh street closed.

Rejects Hall's Application.

The application of Frank P. Hall, 1009 Seventh street northwest, which was one of the most sensational hearings before the board, was rejected. Two other surprises in the list of rejections were the applications of Fritz Herzog, 1115 E street northwest, and the Cairo apartment house, 1612 Q street northwest.

Attorney Shoemaker also expressed

disappointment that the board did not refuse the applications of wholesalers whose places are in residential districts. Only five wholesale applications were rejected, of which four were for new licenses and one for renewal. Five applications were voluntarily withdrawn by the applicants at the last minute.

Wholesale and retail dealers whose licenses were refused will be given permission by the Excise Board to sell their stock at public or private auction during November. These dealers will be required to state under oath the amount of liquor remaining in their establishments. They will be allowed to sell these only to other dealers or brewers. They will not be permitted to sell goods which have been purchased under such terms that they can be returned.

Those Denied Licenses.

The following were rejected: Patrick Smyth, 319 First street southwest; Washington Terminal, Union Station; James R. Morgan, 201 Fourteenth street northwest; Fritz Herzog, 1115 E street northwest; Roger J. Cullinan, 71 Third street southwest; Dennis P. Blaney, 202 L street northwest; William Eloff, 200 G street northwest; John Henry De Atley, 1222 Pennsylvania avenue northwest; Louise Gordon, 427 Q street northwest; Patrick Cannon, 1516 Fourteenth street northwest; John J. Daly, 306 Sixth street northwest; George F. Harrigan, 225 Ninth street southwest; Joseph Schadt, 1235 Wisconsin avenue northwest; Frank P. Hall, 1009 Seventh street southwest; Francis J. Good, 1115 E street northeast; Martin Roth, 429 H street northeast; Cairo apartment, 1612 Q street northwest; Joseph Walsh, Hotel Thyson, 1507 Seventh street northwest; John M. Green, 1109 P street northwest; William J. Edelin, 348 Pennsylvania avenue northwest; Terminal Company, Inc., 44 G street northeast; Joseph R. Wilson, and Frank S. Hasdine, 1222 Twentieth street northwest; Thomas Cannon, 1558 H street northeast; William Xander, 223 N street northwest; and John M. Grant, 1028 Fourteenth street northwest.

The following retail applications were withdrawn: Florence J. McCarthy, 810 Fourth and a-half street southwest; Monticello Club, 1301 Fourth street northwest; and Patrick J. Lynch, 307 Seventh street northwest.

These wholesale applications were rejected: Herman Shapiro, 33 E street northwest; Gustav A. Thum, Good Hope road; John H. Bliss, 908 First street northeast; Margaretha Danbaki, 138 C street southeast; and George Nesline, 239 M street southwest.

These wholesale applications were withdrawn: Harry C. Talbert, 1004 Twelfth street southeast; and Otto Ruppert, 1402 Twelfth street northwest.

All other applications were granted.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Raymond W. Frank, 21, and Estelle I. Taylor, 19, Rev. J. T. Huddle.

George A. Yindig, 26, of Seven Mills, Ohio, and Daisy A. Butler, 27, of Sanbury, Pa., Rev. G. W. Atkinson.

William J. G. Quinn, 36, and Viola P. Jasper, 19, Rev. E. H. Hearn.

Henry T. d'Albert, 20, of Arlington, Va., and Pauline S. Bell, 20, of Alexandria, Va., Rev. H. Schneider.

Thomas C. Jones, 30, and Martha A. Mullikin, 20, of Upper Marlboro, Md., Rev. H. P. Jones.

Benjamin Gordon, 28, of Alexandria, Va., and Annie M. Smith, 20, of Williamsburg, Va., Rev. L. M. Chambers.

Edwin P. Vangel, 27, and Lila E. Duce, 19, Rev. H. T. Stevenson.

John H. Richmond, 24, and Hazel B. Pettus, 21, both of Richmond, Va., Rev. C. B. Stetson.

Arthur J. Ekins, 22, and Pora May, 21, both of Calisto, Va., Rev. J. J. Blaney.

John P. Meligan, 24, and Elsie M. Nitzey, 21, Rev. J. A. Cowan.

Ferdinand B. Holling, 27, and Evelyn Ferguson, 21, Rev. A. S. Johns.

BAND CONCERT PROGRAM

By the United States Soldiers' Home Band, at Stanley Hall, this evening at 8:15 o'clock. John S. M. Zimmerman, director.

March—"Under the Double Eagle" (Wagner requested).

Overture—"Pomp and Circumstance" (Suppe).

Refrain—"The Spring Song" (Bach).

March—"The Swan" (Saint-Saens).

Selection—"Lullaby of Lullamoor" (Donizetti).

(Introducing the artist and the famous mad scene).

For Toot—"Beta and Thurnis" (Hess).

Waltz Suite—"Over the Waves" (Rossini).

Finale—"Winter Nights" (Schwartz).

"The Star Spangled Banner."

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